REMARKS

As amended, claim 1 calls for a two-stage content selection process which is nowhere suggested in the prior art. The received content is first parsed based on user feedback in order to define categories of content of interest to a group of users. Then, the second phase filtering nodes are used to filter out content within said categories of interest to a smaller group of users, described in the claim as a subset of said group of users.
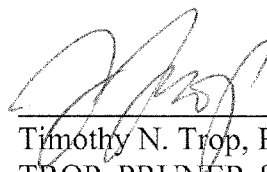
Support for the amended claim is indicated as follows:

1.   A method comprising:

receiving content (¶ 44);

receiving user feedback about categories of content of interest to a group of users (¶ 44);

receiving information from individual users about content of interest to individual users (¶ 44); and

using a two-stage filtering process to select content, such that in a first stage (580, Fig. 5), remote from a receiver, user feedback is used to collect content categories from said content for said group of users (¶ 45) and, during a second phase, at said receiver (Fig. 5, 540, 545, 550), filtering nodes (Fig. 5, 530, 535) are used to select from within said categories, content of interest to a subset of said group of users (¶ 51).

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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